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**PATENT**

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Commissioner For Patents

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Official Action in this case mailed July 10, 2008 and includes a Request For Continued Examination. A Petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the Notice also accompanies this Amendment along with payment of \$555.00 for the three (3) month extension fee to extend the term for response from October 10, 2008 to January 10, 2009. Authorization for credit card payment of the extension fee and the RCE fee (\$405.00) is being filed via EFS. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any necessary additional extension fees. .

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and respectfully solicit allowance of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 14 of this paper.